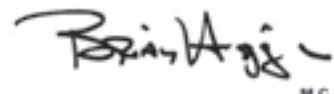


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“Brian Higgins has a vision: a Buffalo waterfront rebuilt with revenue from the hydropower that first made the city great.”

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# *Tripling NYPA's original offer will help create more than 2,700 construction and supply jobs for Western New York families.*

With preliminary design and construction slated to begin in Spring 2006, here is what is coming next for Buffalo's waterfront areas:

- The NYPA settlement means \$3.5 million annually for 50 years for the newly-created Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation to facilitate waterfront improvement. Approximately \$65 million will be available over the next two years for construction and related costs because bonds will be issued which are backed by the guaranteed annual settlement payment. \$4 million in up-front funding to the Development Corporation will be paid in 2006 and 2007.
- This funding is in addition to more than \$22 million secured by Congressman Higgins, and Senators Schumer and Clinton in the recently passed federal transportation bill for the Southtowns Connector project to open up access to Buffalo's Outer Harbor lands.
- In addition, \$2 million annually for 50 years will go to the Erie County Greenway Fund for waterfront parkland and environmental remediation.
- Also, local leaders will reclaim nearly 14 acres of waterfront property currently used by NYPA to store its ice boom.



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## Dear Neighbor:

Through the hard work of many Western New Yorkers, this community succeeded in securing resources to rebuild Buffalo's waterfront through the Niagara Power Project relicensing agreement. The collaborative actions of Western New Yorkers helped force NYPA to give this region a fair settlement.

**But this is just the beginning of the fight to renew Buffalo's waterfront. There's much more work to be done.**

This settlement funding must be applied to the highest and best use. Buffalo's waterfront is this region's greatest asset, but appears old, declining and industrial. Building a new waterfront that conveys optimism and vibrancy will create jobs and private investment, and is an essential component toward bringing Western New York out of its economic tailspin.

I am pleased to report to you on the results this community has earned in this fight. It's now up to this community's leaders to make the vision for Buffalo and Western New York a reality. I look forward to that challenge.

Very truly yours,

Congressman Brian Higgins